

REMARKS BY SENATOR STROM THURMOND FOR A SPECIAL RECORDING  
FEBRUARY 16, 1955, FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S USE  
DURING APRIL 1955

The President of the United States/under authority given him by Congress/has just proclaimed the month of April, 1955, as Cancer Control Month.

This is the month/the American Cancer Society conducts its annual crusade for funds/to carry on its three-fold program. The American Cancer Society is the only voluntary nation-wide agency/fighting cancer through research, service and education.

There is hardly a citizen in our great state of South Carolina/who hasn't lost a friend or relative from cancer. We have seen this cruel disease/kill many of the finest citizens/in our state and throughout the nation. Cancer claimed the lives of 230,000 men, women and children/in the United States last year; 1,877 of these died in South Carolina.

Cancer is a menace to our health, our well-being, our economy. What can we do about it? What kind of a defense line/ can we shape against it?

I urge that every South Carolinian/read the life-saving facts about cancer/which will be publicized during April. If heeded, these facts can save thousands of lives/each year -- perhaps your life/and mine.

Your generous contributions are needed/to support the American Cancer Society's all-out fight/against cancer. Contributions from everybody/can make possible the continuation



of research/by the 1,000 scientists now working in 1500 laboratories, hospitals and universities/throughout the nation/ seeking cures for cancer. Only through scientific research/ can we hope to win freedom from cancer.

Since cancer strikes one in four -- men and women in all walks of life, of all ages, and of every race, its daily toll in South Carolina is most distressing.

I know that every citizen in our state/this year/wants to help fight this dangerous enemy/that brings so much suffering and death/to so many of our homes. Each of us must support this fight.

I urge you to send a generous contribution today/to your local cancer Unit/or to the South Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society, 501 Wade Hampton State Office Building, Columbia, South Carolina.